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1. There are no Russian troops in Sopron.
2. The infantry barracks on Bánfalvai út is occupied by the regimental staff and a battalion of a Hungarian rifle regiment.
3. The regimental commander is Major Miklos Nagy; his deputy is Captain Gábor Alpári. The artillery commander is 1st. Lieut. János Brandl. Political officer, 1st. Lieut. Miklós Tátrai. Chief of staff, Captain István Mikes. Regimental adjutant, Lt. István Györkös. Quartermaster, Capt. Zoltán Keneszi. Beside these there are the chief medical officer, the weapons officer, the auto officer, 10 subalterns, 3 sanitary officers, 8 clerks, 6 drivers, 2 ordnance sergeants, 4 quartermasters' assistants, 1 joiner, 1 carriage-maker, 5 cooks, 4 shoemakers, 2 tailors, 2 pharmacists; 45 men in all.
4. Regimental troops:
 - a. Field artillery battery: commanded by Lieut. István Csenda; 55 men, 23 horses; equipped with two 76.2 mm. guns, 1 Maxim machine gun.
 - b. Light antitank platoon: horse-drawn; about 50 men; equipped with four 45 mm. antitank guns.
 - c. Heavy antitank platoon: uses Rába Botond trucks; 45 men; equipped with two 76.2 antitank guns.
 - d. Machine pistol company: about 100 men, armed with machine pistols only; a reserve magazine for each pistol, each magazine holds 71 m (sic) bullets.

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- e. Antiaircraft machine gun company: about 80 men; equipped with four 12.7 mm antiaircraft machine guns. Their protective shields and wheels can be rapidly dismounted for use against ground targets.
 - f. Light mortar company: commanded by Lieut. Miklós Jánossek; about 80 men; equipped with eight 82 mm mortars; uses horse-drawn carts; three men can carry a mortar.
 - g. Heavy mortar company: 100 men; equipped with four 120 mm mortars, mounted on trailers towed by trucks.
 - h. Pioneer platoon, with a strength of 30 men.
 - i. Communications company, with radio and telephone, transport a mixture of horse-drawn and motorized.
5. The battalion consists of two rifle companies, each having 110 men and 12 light machine guns; each squad has two machine pistols. The machine gun company has 100 men and 16 Maxim machine guns on horse-drawn carts.
 6. The artillery barracks are to be improved and partly rebuilt. At present they are occupied by an artillery unit which may be the mortar batteries of the rifle regiment.
 7. The cavalry barracks are also being rebuilt and furnished with garages. It will probably be occupied by artillery or armored troops.
 8. The barracks complex at Tó-malom is being steadily extended, and currently has 24 buildings. During the summer it is occupied by AVH border guard training units.
 9. In the Sopron area the border is not so sharply watched as elsewhere, giving rise to the idea that the AVH believes most of the border crossings are made in the Hegyeshalom area. Two new guard posts have been set up at the Ágfalva bridge.

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